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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 041786

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY
FROM PRIME MINISTER RIFAI TO AMBASSADOR PICKERING,
TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDON OF
JORDAN DESIRES TO TRANSFER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
MOROCCO, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT
OBTAINED FROM THE UNITED STATES. IN ACCORDACNE WITH
THE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
JORDAN RELATING TO THE FURTHER TRANSFER OF THIS
EQUIPMENT TO A THIRD PARTY, THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN
HEREBY REQUESTS THE APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRANSFER.

1. 36 106MM ANTI-TANK GUNS

2. 20 F.5.A AIRCRAFT

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END QTE

2. EMBASSY POUCHING LETTER TO DEPARTMENT, ATTN:
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3. RE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 4 REFTEL
THAT ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN RIFAI'S LETTER,
PRIME MINISTER TODAY ORALLY CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR
THAT 106 MM ANTI-TANK GUNS WERE OBTAINED FROM U.S.
POSSIBLY FROM GRANT AID AND THAT THE F5AS WERE OBTAINED BY THE
GOJ AS GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN THAT ACQUIRED
THEM FROM THE U.S. UNDER FMS ARRANGEMENTS. AS
CONTAINED PREVIOUS AMMAN CABLES, GOJ INTENDS
TRANSFER 106 MM WEAPONS AS GRANT TO GOM AND F5AS
IN ONE-FOR-ONE EXCHANGE WITH MOROCCO FOR F5ES AS
THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO GOM. FROM OUR RECORDS THE JAF
HAS ON HAND 240 106S FROM FMS. WE ARE CHECKING TO
ASCERTAIN EXACT SOURCE OF 106S WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED
IN TRANSFER TO MOROCCO.
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